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SUBJ: PRESIDENT LAMIZANA REPORTED TO BE GIVING IN

TO TRADE UNIONS POLITICAL DEMANDS

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 3233

ABIDJAN FOR SCHAUFEL

1. ACCORDING TO FRENCH EMBASSY SOURCE, PRESIDENT
LAMIZANA HAS NOW GIVEN INTO POLITICAL DEMANDS OF TRADE
UNIONS. A JOINT COMMISSION, COMPOSED OF MILITARY OFFICERS AND
TRADE UNION LEADERS, IS REPORTEDLY BEING ESTABLISHED TO
PLAN THE VARIOUS STEPS FOR A RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL
RULE. SAME SOURCE EXPECTS THAT A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT
COMPOSED OF CIVILIANS WILL SHORTLY BE APPOINTED TO
ORGANIZE ELECTIONS TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY.

2. WE HAVE RECEIVED REPORTS FROM OTHER SOURCES WHICH,
WHILE LESS SPECIFIC THAN INFO REPORTED PARA 1 ABOVE,
WOULD TEND TO INDICATE THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA,
AGAINST WISHES OF MOST MILITARY MEMBERS OF GOVERNMENT,
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IS DETERMINED TO ARRIVE AT AN UNDERSTANDING WITH TRADE

UNIONS ON POLITICAL PROBLEMS. HE HAS REPORTEDLY
DECIDED TO ABANDON HIS PLANS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A SINGLE POLITICAL PARTY.

3. IF INFO REPORTED PARA 1 ABOVE IS CORRECT, THERE WOULD
APPEAR TO BE LITTLE REASON FOR TRADE UNION TO MAINTAIN
THEIR CALL FOR A GENERAL STRIKE ON JANAUARY 5.

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